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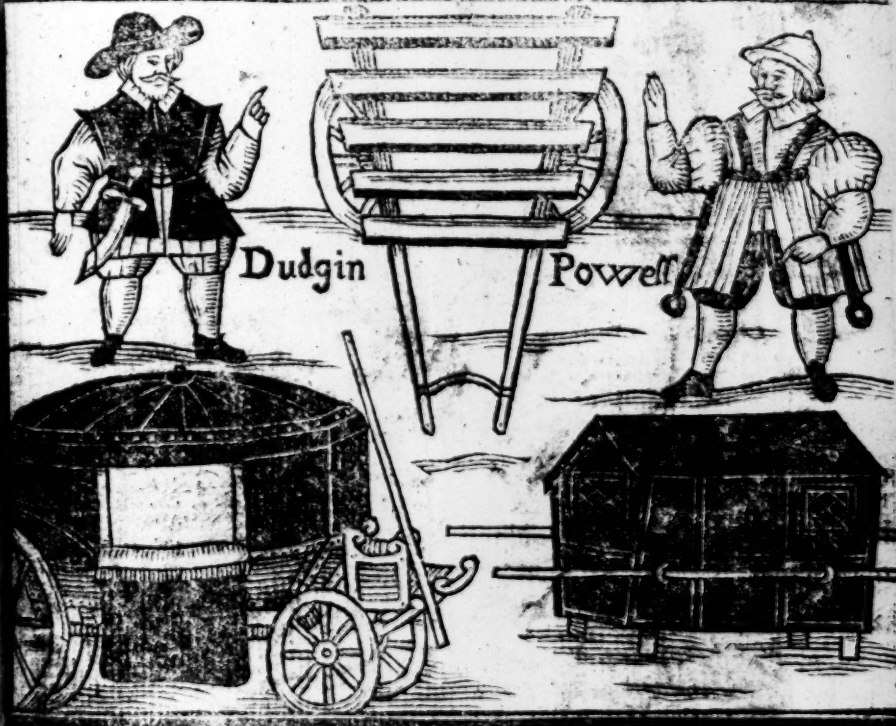
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COACH and SEDAN,

Pleasantly Disputing for Place and Precedence

The *Brewers-Cart* being Moderator.

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To the Valorous, and worthy all
title of Honor,
Sr. ELIAS HICKS,

KNIGHT, and one of the honorable
band of His Majesties Gentlemen Pen-
sioners in Ordinarie.

NOBLE SIR,



Hath I prefixe so deserving and
eminent a name before such
light stuffe: I doe no more then
Tavernes and Innes doe, with
us heere in England, and in o-
ther Countreys, to credit their
houses, hang up at the porch, the
Pictures (for signes) of Kings, Queenes, Princes
and other eminent Persons, under whose subjection
they live, or unto whom they stand most affected. The
Great Turk sets his own stampe upon Terra Lem-
nia, an Earsh, or Clay, Virgil thought his Gnat
not unworthy the view of Octavius Caesar: and
with the same confidence I offer these few leares un-
to your view; who are so belov'd at home, and honor'd
abroad, especially for that your memorable service

The Epistle Dedicatory.

some time at Mount Auban in France, that Towne
owen to this day acknowledging her safety, and pre-
servation to your valour onely, and whom for your
resolution and forwardnesse in our late Fleete, your
Noble Admirall, the Earle of Lindsey honored
with the dignitie of Knighthood: If your selfe, Sir,
or any else shall aske mee; If I had no better employ-
ment to set my selfe about then this, I could answer
them; The wisest Counsellors, and greatest Scholars
have ever season'd, and sweetened their profoundest
Studies, and greatest employments, with these and
the like passages of inoffensive Mirth. Erasmus
commended the Foole. Homer, writing his Illiads,
wrote also the battell betwene Frogs and Mice.
Fannius extolled the Nettle; Sir Phillip Sydney
made good sport with Rhombus his Countrey
Schoole-master: and the like many others. Besides,
wee live in that Age, wherein Difficile est Satty-
ram non scribere. But the truth is, I being at
this time in hand with a serious and laborious work
for the Presse, ere long to see light; my Printer des-
ired of mee, that hee might not sit idle in the meane
time. Sir I take my leave, desiring to bee remem-
bered and recorded among the number of those, who
for your owne worth and goodnesse, truly love and
honour you.

February 19. 1636.

Yours ever,

Mil-amaxius.



To the Reader.



S it is usuall in Countrie, and homely houses, when guests come upon the suddaine, to tell them at the porch before hand, what they shall find within; So I heere at thy entrance (Ingenious Reader) tell thee there is not so good provision for thy entertainment, as I could wish; wherefore resolvedly with the Cynick I say (who inviting great personages to a dinner of Radishes, Salt and Bread, and being by some blamed) answered, If they bee my friends they wilbee content with any thing, if onely to fill their bellies, this is too good for them. And to say truth, I am sorry I come forth no better provided, I am no ordinary Pamphleter, I would have thee to know; onely in Mirth I tried what I could doe upon a running subject, at the request of a friend in the *Strand*: whose leggs not so sound as his Iudgement, enforce him to keepe his Chamber, where hee can neither sleepe or studie for the clattering of *Coaches*: I shew'd him the Booke; he smil'd, and onely wrote underneath out of *Martial*.

*Dum vernat Rasa, dum madent capilli
Tunc et vel rigidi legantur Canones.*

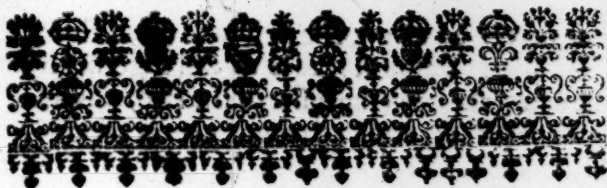
Vale quisquis es.



To my worthy friend the Author.

VV Ho is it (under thirty) that beleeveth
Big-bellied-dubless, made with cloak-bag-sleeves,
That would hold pecks a peece? Wings shat below
The elbowe reach't? And for the better shewe,
Every large Button that went downe the brest,
(Broade as an Halfe-crowne Piece) to grace the rest?
When the short breech, not reaching past the knee,
(Crosse-garter'd at the hamme) a man might see
The Calfe apparant; with the ankle-joynts,
Not Frenchified (as now) with Agles pointes
To hide their gawtie shin-bones; when the ruffe
Wide, as a Fore Coach-wheele, with starch enough,
Weare onely in the fashion? And (Friend) than
Some Coaches were in use, but no Sedan:
Nor doe I thinke, but if the Custome were
T'bee hurried in Wheele-barrowes, t'wold appeare
(In processe) well: and they would take the wall
Of Carres, of Coaches, of Sedans and all.
And who can tell, whether't bee now a breeding?
And may perhaps prove so in Times succeeding.
Now when wee last discours'd, close by the Mill,
Which over-lookes the Towne from Hamsted-hill,
Thou told'st mee of this project; I then said,
This thy dispute there talk't of, and since made,
I thought would apt this age, and further vov'd,
'T should bee no sooner finish'd, and allow'd.
But that I would commend (as all may see)
It, to the world first: Next my selfe to thee.

Anonymos.



A
PLEASANT DISPVTE
Betwene
COACH, and SEDAN.

IT was just, about the time,
when the *Cuckow* (not dar-
ing to come neerer to the
Citie then *Islington*) warned
the Milk-maides, it was high
time to bee gone with their
pailles into *Finsburie*: and
nodding to the *Cheshire* Carriers, told them if
they made no more hast, they would not reach
Dunstable that night; when my selfe with an
English-Tailor, and a French-man (who new-
ly were come out of *France*) where they had
spent halfe a yeere to learne, and bring home
the newest fashions there, to their Ladies heere
in *England*) comming downe *Jack-an-apes* lane,
wee

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wee perceived two lustie fellowes to iustle for the wall, and almost readie to fall together by the eares, the one (the lesser of the two) was in a suite of greene, after a strange manner, windowed before and behind with *Ifen-glasse*, having two handsome fellowes in greene coats attending him, the one ever went before, the other came behind; their coates were lac'd downe the back with a greené-lace surable, so were their halfe sleeves, which perswaded me at first they were some cast suites of their Masters; their backs were harnesssed with leather cingles, cut out of a hide, as broad as *Dutch-collups* of *Bacon*, whereat I wondred not a little, being but newly come out of the Countrie, and not having seene the like before.

The other was a thick burly square sett fellow, in a doublet of Black-leather, Brasse-button'd downe the brest, Backe, Sleeves, and winges, with monstrous wide bootes, fringed at the top, with a net fringe, and a round breech (after the old fashion) guilded, and on his back-side an Atcheivment of sundry Coats in heir proper colors, quartered with Crest, Helme and Mantle, besides heere and there, on the sides a single Escutchion or crest, with some Emblematicall word or other, I supposed, they were made of some Pendants, or Banners that had beene stollen, from over some Monument, where they had long hung in a Church.

Hee

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Hee had onely one man before him, wrapt in a red cloake, with wide sleeves, turned up at the hands, and cudgell'd thick on the backe and shoulders with broad shining lace (not much unlike that which Mummers make of strawen hatts) and of each side of him, went a Lacquay, the one a French boy, the other Irish, all suitable alike: the *French-man* (as I learned afterward) when his Master was in the Countrey, taught his Lady, and her daughter *French*; Vsher'd them abroad to publike meetings, and assemblies, all saving the Church, whither shee never came: The other went on errands, help'd the maid to beate Bucks, fetch in water, carried up meate, and waited at the Table.

I seeing them so hot, and hearing such rough, and disgracefull words to passe betwixt them, and fearing they would presently have mischief'd one another, I earnestly desired the Tailor and French-man, to make haste along with me, to part them, and to see the peace kept, as it is the dutie of every honest subject; The Tailor fearing his skinne, and not having (as the saying is) halfe the heart of a man, rooke him to his heeles, and runne away; the French-man, under a colour to fetch the Tailor backe againe, ranne as fast as hee, whom to this day I could never set eye on. Seeing my selfe left to my selfe, I stepped in to them, and in coole and friendly manner, thus I began.

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Gentlemen, albeit I am a stranger unto you both, yet the Law of Nations, yea and of Nature too, requireth that humane Societic should be maintained, the life of man preserved, and the peace of that Common-wealth, wherein wee live, by all possible meanes advanced; wherefore let me intreate you to forbear one another, if either of you bee pleased to intimate unto mee, the ground and occasion of your grievance, I will doe my best to compose your strife: quarrells, both in this age and Kingdom, are growne poore and ridiculous; and to challenge the field of any man, is either to choose his owne death, or an halter: It is true my my friends (quoth I) the times were, if one man had slaine another, hee might presently have taken Sanctuary (usuall also among the Jewes) or being taken, have put in baile, or fled unto some private friend, where he might have kept out of the way, and have beene sheltred, untill by meanes of a Courtier, hee had procured his pardon, for a small matter; or else, as in *Germanie* and the *Low-Countries*, have gotten some handsome young wench to have begged him for her husband (for if I bee not deceived, they love *English-men* well) but those dayes are gone, and the necessitie of our times, require stricter courses to bee taken; otherwise our streets of *London*, like *Leige*, *Venice*, *Paris*, *Padoa*, *Milhan*, *Rome*, and other places, would every

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every night, ring with out-cries of blood-shed and murder, especially, being pestered at this time, with such varietie of sundry Nations, which till of late was strange to *London*, but as good lucke was, they had no weapons (save one whip) betwixt them both.

They hearing mee talke sensibly, and but reason, they began to bee som-what pacified; hee in the Leather, with brasse Studds and Buttons, demanding what I was; I told him I was a peece of a Schollar, and had seene the World abroad in my travells, in many Countreys, and was now returned to make use (for the good of *The end of* my selfe, and Countrey) of whatsoever I for- *Travell.* merly had knowne, or seene; and here-upon I required his name.

My name Sir (quoth hee) is *Coach*, who am a Gentleman of an auncient house, as you may perceive by my so many quarter'd coates, of *Dukes, Marquises, Earles, Viscounts, Barons, Knights, and Gentlemen*, there is never a Lord or Lady in the land, but is of my acquaintance; my imployment is so great, that I am never at quiet, day or night: I am a Benefactor to all Meetings, Play-houses, Mercers shops, Taverns, and some other houses of recreation, for I bring them their best customers, as they all know well enough.

This other that offers mee the wrong, they call him Mounfier *Sedan*, some Mr. *Chaire*; a

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Greene-goose hatch'd but the other day; one that hath no leggs to stand upon, but is faine to bee carried betweene two, and whereas hee is able with all the helpe and furtherance hee can make and devise, to goe not aboute a mile in an houre; as grosse as I am, I can runne three or foure in halfe an houre; yea, after dinnner, when my belly is as full as it can hold, (and I may say to you) of daintie bitts too.

Sedan. Sir, the occasion of our difference was this; Whether an emptie Coach, that had a Lords dead painted Coate and Crest, as Lion, Bull, Elephant, &c. upon it without, might take the wall of a *Sedan* that had a Knight alive within it: *Coach* swore hee would proove by the law of Armes, and all Heraldry, hee ought to doe it. I stood against him, and told him, it was against all Law whatsoever, and that our Master would avouch: hereupon, hee threatned to have us all put downe, and that I should not passe wheresoever hee came, much lesse have any Precedence.

It is true, my name is *Sedan*, and I am (I confesse) a meere stranger, till of late in *England*; therefore if the Law of Hospitalitie be observed (as *England* hath beene accounted the most hospitable Kingdome of the World,) I ought to be the better entertained, and used, (as I am sure I shall) and find as good friends, as *Coach* hath any, it is not his bigge lookes, nor his nimble

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ble tongue, that so runnes upon wheelles, shall
scare mee; hee shall know that I am above him
both in esteeme, and dignitie, and hereafter
will know my place better; but in the meane
time, I will doe nothing without good advice.

Neither I hope, will any thinke the worse of
mee, for that I am a Forreiner; hath not your
Country Coach of *England* beene extreemly
enriched by strangers: Who in your own opini-
ons, have attained to perfection in any excellent
Art, or Science; but they? Who makes all
your delicate, and most excellent Pommanders
and Perfume for our Ladies here, but *Italians*?

*The benefit
this land
hath by
Strangers.*

Who fits our Lords and Ladies so exactly with
varietie of fashions, even from the Perruke to
the Pumpe, and Pantofle, as the *French*? And
who so curiously skilfull (to the great benefit
of this Kingdome) in painting of Paving-tiles
for Chimneys, making conceited Babies for
Children, Hobby-horses, Rattles, Bristle-
brushes checkered blacke and white, for which
wee are much beholden to the *Westphalian*
Swine, and *Spanish* black Hogs: with such va-
rietic of Drinking-pots, Beades, and Whistles;
to making of which, neighbour Coach, you
know not how to turne your hand: Nay, where-
as you, five or sixe houres together, are faine to
stand wayting at the Court gate, Play-houfe,
or you wot where, I am many times admitted
into a Ladies chamber, had to the fire, dried,

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rub'd, and made cleane both within and without; but the plaine troath is (*Coach*) I will no longer bee made a foole by you; I will have it tried, though it cost me a fall, whither I bee as fit to walke the streets as you, or no, and to take my place ever next to the wall, when all the World knoweth, the kennell is your naturall walke.

I would (quoth I, it is true) have strangers well intreated, but not so to doate on them as ordinarily wee doe, as if we were guilty to our selues of such grosse ignorance, and asinine stupidity, wee should thinke nothing well done, except an Italian, French, or Dutch-man have a hand in it, (the best is) sounder judgements are not infected with this opinion; these are but the Fancies of fooles, and women.

But I now beleeve *Sedan* you are made a free denizen, and may safely passe where you please without any controule, or question about your freedome, and think your selfe as good as *Coach*, saying that hee hath more liberty then you, going abroad in the Countrey at his pleasure. For my part I am acquainted with neither of you, onely Signior *Coach*, some twenty, or fowre and twenty yeares since I knew you, by the same token your guide was drunke, and had not certaine Noble Ladyes by my advice, walked on foote over those little bridges betweene *Germancheester* and *Huntington* on foote, they had layne

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layne (where you, and your man lay) over the head and eares in a River very deepe of Mud : these mischances I confesse befall you but sometimes, and that is, when your horses have beene watered in a Noble-mans-buttery, or a Marchants Cellar.

Being in this discourse comes whistling by with his Carre, a lustie tall fellow red-hayr'd, and cheekes puffed and swolne as if hee had beene a *Lincolne-shire-bagpiper*, or a *Dutch-Trumpeter* under *Grobbendonck*, in a Canvas frocke, a red-cap, a payre of high-shoes, with his whip in his hand : I calling unto him, hee stayed, and asked me what I would, I craved his name, hee told me *Roger Dudgin*, and that his dwelling was at *Puddle-wharfe*; in good time, (quoth I) you may stand us in good stead to end a controversie heere betweene two strangers, yet I doubt not but you know them well-enough; what are they (quoth he) why *Coach and Sedan*, said I, cannot agree for place and precedence. You are a dweller in the Citie, and may soone end the difference ?

Car. The Divell agree them for me, I can never goe in quiet for them, by day nor by night; they talke of *Rattle Snakes* in *New-England*, I am sure these bee the *Rattle Snakes* of old *England*, that keepe the whole Citie from their naturall rest; it is long of them that poore Prentices are raysed vp (before their houre) to their worke, when

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when their Masters who have bin hard at it, at the Taverne overnight, would (but for their rattling) have lyen till nine or tenne; poore Maids who were raised out of their beds to washing or skowring of their Brasse and Pewter, cannot take a nap in their shops: Children that goe in a morning to schoole, or of errands in the streete, goe in danger of their lives. Noe man having his Chamber neere to the streete, can be private, or followe his studie, *Coach*, for your noyse; and in streets about the Suburbs, and places unpaved, you so bee-dash Gentle-mens Cloakes or Gownes, without all shame and civilitie; that let a man but come from *St. James* to *Charing-Crosse* and meete you in his way, one would sweare by his dirtie Cloake, he had come post from *St. Michaels-Mount* in *Cornwall*. I marvell whence we had you at first *Coach*; if you and all your fellowes were on a light fire upon *Hounslowe-heath*, the matter were not great?

Coach. It were better a hundred such rascally *Carmen* as you were hang'd?

Carmen. Sirrah, you *Robin-redbreast*, with your Lady to pay my Master for foure loades of Billets, which hath beene owing him ever since the great snow a twelue-month agoe.

Coach. Well Iack-sauce, we shall talke with you, when you come back from *Tyborne*.

Car. Nay I prithy *Coach* goe along with me, and I will have done with thee there presently.

Coach.

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Coach. Sirrah, Goodman rogue, pay my Master for an old Coach-horse, you had to put in your Carre; and heere's your companion Sedan, almost in as good credit in the Citie, as your selfe.

Powel. Does it talk against ir Master; pray you Master stay heere a little while, while ir runne to *Shrewsbury*, to fetch a Welch-hooke, her great Grand-father gave her father, when her was a great souldier to Sir *Rice ap Thomas*, at *Adilford haven*, when ir Countrey-man, King *Henry the seven* came into *Wales*, it is in *Shrewsbury*, and lies over her hostesses beds head, at the signe of the *Goate* and the *Greene Locke*.

Sedan. *Powell*; you Welch-men are well temper'd, but you smell a little too much of the fire: Mr. *Coach* of *Hackney*, hath a cooling-card dealt him already; hee may walke now whither he will, to *Vtopia*, *New England*, or the *Amazons*, for those Ladies; after they are wearie of riding, love to bee carried. Wee *Sedans* may now goe quietly by you, without nick-names, nor shall wee ever have halfe those curses of the people, you are wont to have; in every streete and lane, wee take up lesse roome as wee goe along; wee are of an easier charge, our journeys are short, we carrey no Lackquies, or Foot-boyes, when we are emptie, nor have we to doe with *Dal Turn-up*, and *Peg Burn-it*, your silken wenches of *Hackney*, to cary them to the *Red-*

Powel a
Welch-man,
one of *Sedans* men.

The Amazons fight
on horse-
backe, with
Bowes and
Arrows, &
their *Semi-*
rars.

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Bull, and other Play-houses, to get trading, or Citizens wives to *St. Albanes*, *South-mimme*, *Barnet*, *Hasfeild*, *Waltham*, *Ilford*, *Croidon* *Brainford*, and other places, under a colour of seeing their children at nurse to banquet with their sweet-hearts and companions, the match being agreed upon a moneth before; wee pleasure the lame, sicke, weake, and impotent, women with child, and such as are corpulent and unweldly, and are not able to endure the jolting of a *Coach*, wee defend, and keepe Gentlemen, and Ladies from the fogge, and rotten mists, that morning and evening arise in Townes and Cities, neere to great Rivers, and many other stinking and grosse exhalations, which corrupt the lungs (as dewes and mists rot sheepe) breed long and dangerous Coughs, and Catarrhes; the very breath wee breath, being nothing else then rarified water: moreover, wee are places fit for privacie, or meditation, where a man may reade or studie, even in the midst of the throng, and open street, which men in Law-suites, and businesse of weightie importance, oft times stand in great need of; beside, we have our name from *Sedanum*, or *Sedan*, that famous Citie and Vniversitie, belonging to the Duke of *Bevillon*, and where hee keeps his Court.

Powell. Nay, doe you heare mee Master, it is from *Sedanny*, which in our *British* language, is
a brave

between Coach and Sedan.

a brave, faire, daintie well-favoured Ladie, or prettie sweete wench, and wee carrie such sometime Master, but *you sone*.

Carman. Well, may a man now passe quietly by you both; hayt, stand up there.

Coach. Carman be gone, and keepe a good tongue in your head, and while you live, give way to your betters.

Carman. Never to the Devills Carter, while I live.

Coach. Wellwell firrah, there is a place called *Bridewell*.

Carman. Yes marrie, where some of your fine carriage hath beene lodg'd many a time and often.

Powel. This Rogue will never have done, shall I beate him Master.

Sedan. Powell by no meanes, for that's the next way to bee beaten our selves; they are sturdy companions, and there is a world of them about the Citie.

Being all this while in such like discourse as this, the morning began to be well up, and people in the streetes to cluster about us, like the ballet-fingers audiorie, when by chance, came by a plaine Countrie Farmer, who newly it seemed, had passed the *Thames* (for a Waterman followed him with a bag full of writings or such like) and demanded of mee what the matter was, I told him in brieft that there were

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two (well knowne in the Citie , *Coch* and, *Sedan*) fallen out about superioritie, and place, and in a contention, which of them should deserue best of the common-wealth .

Water-man. Deserve (quoth the Water-man) they deserve both to bee throwne into the *Theanes*, and but for stopping the channell I would they were ; for I am sure where I was wont to have eight , or tenne , fares in a morning, I now scarce get two in a whole day , our wives and children at home are readie to pine , and some of us are faine for meanes to take other professions upon us , as some in frostie weather to gather Dog-wood for Butchers , to get burch and bron ne for beesomes , and sometimes to catch birdes with lime , or set springes in the marshes for water fowle , honest shifts, it is true, in necessitie . But wee are an auncient companie , and though the last in the ranke of companies , yet are wee the first and chiefe in getting our livings honestly (and as God comandeth) with the sweate of our browes , our profession is free from deceit and lying , which many trades are subiect unto , and being the most of us strong of bodie , and skilfull upon the water , wee are able (and as ordinarilie we doe) to serve our Sovereigne in his fleete Royall , or armies by land , many of us being Westerne men, of *Somerset*, *Glocester*, *Wiltshire*, and and other places there abouts , who generallly
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are esteemed the strongest, and most active men of *England*, when take one of your common, or hackney coachmen from his boxe, hee is good for nothing except to marry some old Ale-wife, and bid his old acquaintance welcome, to turne horse-courser, become a Gentlemans baylie or butler in the Countrey, or by meanes of some great man, get a place in an hospitall; I speake to shew the incertaintie of service: not onely in regard of them, but others.

Wee serve God and our King onelie, and some of us for countenance sake, or affection, weare the coates and badges of Noble-men, which dependance impeacheth not our liberties, no whit at all. The Coach upon the least error committed, either mistaking his way in an evening, the falling lame of an horse, though not his fault, breaking of a wheele, overthrowing his coach against an hill side, tree-roote, or the like, hee is presently sent to seeke a new master, yet are some of them growne so proud because they are advanced in the streete above their Lord and Master, they cannot afford us inferior water-men (that labour beneath them in the liquid Element) a good looke, or a good word.

As for you, Master Sedan, you are the humbler, and I beleeve the honestest of the two, I heare no great ill of you, nor have I had any acquaintance with your cowcummer-cullor'd

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men, onely I beleeve you are a close companion: and that you conceale most of our delicate feminine fares, in your boxes by land, that were wont to bee our best customers by water, for Coach his seentence is past, and except you tread evenly you may follow after.

Countray-man. Nay honest water-man give not so rash a censure, wee must not gaine say what the state tolerateth, for some reasons perhaps unknowne to us, neither will I enquire, my *Sedan* in the Countrey is a plaine Wheelebarrow, and my *Coach* my cart, wherein now and then for my pleasure I ride, my maides going along with me, with their Forkes, Rakes, and a bottle or two of good Beere, with an Apple-pastie, Ported butter, Churne-milke, bread and cheefe, and such like, into the fields in Summer-time to cocke corne, make hay, and the like; and now and then, on Faire and Market-dayes I walke with a neighbour or two to the Faire or Market, to buy, or sell, and having drunke a dozen of Ale amongst us, wee come home the same night, scarce feeling the ground wee tread on: and if our great Lords and Knights would use their leggs as wee doe, they would not (so many of them) bee troubled with the Goute, Dropsies, and other diseases, which grow upon them, through ease, fulnesse of Diet, drinking many sorts of Wine, and want of bodily exercise; I wonder in my heart, why our Nobilitie
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and Gentry cannot in faire weather, walke the streets as they were wont, as I have seene the Earles of *Shrewsbury*, *Darbie*, *Suffex*, *Cumberland*, *Essex*, *Northampton*, with most of our Barons, without any disparagement to their Honours. Beside those unimitable Presidents of Courage and Valour, *Sir Francis Drake*, *Sir Philip Sydney*, *Sir Martine Frobisher*, *Sir Thomas Basterville*, with a number others; when a Coach was as rare almost to bee seene as an Elephant: I would our Coached and Caroched Gallants, who think their feet too good to tread upon *Mother Earth*, had, or were ever likely to deserue so well of their King and Countrey, on could but shew those scarres, leave such a testimonie of their vertues to after-ages, as these Foot-men have done, who were the true sonnes of Honour: yea and many times have I seene some of them walke to the farthest part of the Citie and to invite themselves in love to dinner to an Alderman or Merchants table, and other private houses as they thought good, as the Noble *George E. of Cumberland* to *Master Garrets* an Apothecarie in *Lime-Street*, *Sir Francis Drake* to Alderman *Martines* in *Cheapside*, and the rest in like manner, where they were content with such as they found, and were each with other heartily merrie, and as truly welcomes having perhaps learned this of *Augustus Cesar*, who would leave his Court, and

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and goe eate and drinke familiarly in the private houses, of his *Romane* Citizens: for Majestie and greatnesse (like a bow) cannot stand so long extent but must have (by fits) a relaxation, and as the most daintiest dishes of flesh or fish, have commonly their sauces prepar'd of meane and course things, as onions, vineger, water and the like, so privacie and converse with inferiors among great persons, as also homely sports, and exercises, take off and sweeten the tediousnesse of rugged cares and high employment: as when I was a Grammar-scholler our master to revive our spirits dulled with studie, would make us Comœdies, and because even now I spoke of Onions I will repeat the prologue of one of our plaies, which I my selfe spoke upon the stage, and it was this.

*Even as the Duck in river navigable,
Is serv'd with Onions to a great mans table;
So, will wee doe our best to give content,
To the meanest of this rascall rabblement.*

Which I pronouncing distinctly, and with a good grace I was mervailously applauded (by clapping of hands) of the multitude; maides tossed apples to mee, and our Schoole-masters wife offered me her bottle of *Rosa-solis* to drink, and I well remember too, at that time a Knight of our Countrie (who this last yeere married his

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his Mothers Chamber-maide, (and birladie, maintaines her in her Coach, with foure horses) plaid the foole most admirably; yea, I knew a Lord, who journeying in the Countrey, would leape out of his coach, to play a game at ftooleball with Country Wenches; and one time above the rest; when a Gentleman of his told him it was past three a clock, and that they had yet twenty miles to ride, hee called for a watch, and set it backe to twelve, now said my Lord, wee shall have time enough; I will have the other game.

And one thing (Coach) I am sure of, it was never good world with us in the Country, since you and your fellowes have so multiplied; the Devill of good house is any where kept, where you have to doe; and I have observed, where a Coach is appendant, but to two or three hundred pounds a yeere; marke it, the doggs of that house are as leane as rakes, you may tell all their ribbs lying by the fire, and *Tom-a-Bedlam* may sooner cate his horne, then get it fill'd with small drinke, and for his old almes of Bacon, there is no hope in the world; I may tell you, some houses of thousands by the yeere, are become little better, when a poore labouring man that hath perhaps liv'd all his time in the parish, shall hardly get a load or two of Hay to keepe his Cow al winter, but the Bailly tells him his Lady cannot spare it from her owne Kide,

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and Coach-horses, and now adadies, wee must pay two shillings for a pecke of Oate-meale; which wee were wont to have for sixteene, or eighteene pence, and all long of Coach-horses: before (*Coach*) you came into request, one of these houses maintained sixteene, or twenty Proper tall fellows, to march from the Kitchen to their Masters table, in their blew coates and Cognisances, every man carrying a dish of good meat, either boyld, or roast, now the case is so altered, that the Coach-man alone must take upon him three or foure of the prime Offices about the house; without dores, hee is Gentleman of my Ladies horse, and Coach-man; within, hee is Butler and chamberlaine; and if strangers come, perhaps some poore boy of the Towne is sent for to assist him, for the scraping of Trenchers, and emptying chamber-pots; who within a day or two must returne to the place from whence he came: and if (*Coach*) your man have ever beene versed in brewing; or baking, hee must undertake that too; I heard my boy, who is now at *Cambridge*, say out of *Aristotle* (which is well observed in your great houses now adadies) *frustra fit per plura, quod fieri potest per pauciora*; And by the Logicall fallacie, *Compositionis et divisionis*; they will make two eggs passe for three; and many times come away their cooke for roasting a whole brest of Mutton to break-fast, when he should have roasted

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sted but halfe, as a great man both of ranke and revenue, some one or two and thirty yeeres since, set his cooke in the stocks at *Huntingdon* upon the very same occasion, as the cooke (fast by the beeles) told me himselfe, all this *Coach* I can impute to none other then your selfe, and your appurtenances; nay, let a man have never so earnest an occasion of businesse with your Knight or Ladie, at your houses, let him come at dinner time, hee may knocke his heart out ere any body will heare; and indeed, to speake truly, I blame them not, for, *Venter non habet aures*, saith the old Proverbe. I knew a Knight, an especial friend of mine, of himselfe a free and a Noble Gentle-man, who lay sicke of a Burning-feaver, or *Causos* (as the Physicians call it;) and a very skilfull Gentleman, both a Physitian and a Chyrurgian, being sent unto him by a Iustice of Peace (his loving friend and neighbour by, in the countrey) who much tendered his health, the Physitian came at night, wringing wet in snow and raine, when his Ladie was at supper, where hee continued knocking, and could not be let in, but was faine that night to take his supper, and lodging at the next Ale-house in the towne, and before morning the good Gentleman was dead, whom blood-letting (the present remedie in hot-feavers) that night, by all likelyhood might have saved. hee being in his best yeeres, strong and able of

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body, of sanguine complexion, and his spirits not yet spent, or decayed by the vigor of the disease: and most lamentable it is, to see (upon fasting-dayes, or in time of Lent) how closely, the poore Eele, Haddock, and Herring are imprisoned, and so strongly kept up, within barred and bolted gates; that if a man would give never so much, as but to speak in private with any one of them, or whisper in his eare, hee should not bee admitted. And now I speake of whispering, I remember a good fellow of *Goose-rost*, neere *Boston*, came to a Fish-monger in that market, who had Mackerels to sell (a fish very rare in those parts) and taking up a Mackerell in his hand, whispered in the Mackerills eare, then he laid the Mackerills mouth to his eare; which the Fish-monger observing, said; Friend doe you make a foole of my fish, and of your selfe too? No, said the fellow, I make bold, but to aske him when hee was at Sea, and hee tells mee not these three weekes, but this by the way.

*A merrie
tale of Mac-
kerell.*

And *Coach*, twice or thrice a yeare you must needes make a boone voyage to *London* with your *Ladie*, under a cullor to bee new cullourd, guilded or painted, covered, seated, shod, or the like, when her errand indeede is as one saith well, speaking to such *Ladies*, as love to visite the *Citie*.

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To see what fashion most is in request,

How is this Countesse, that Court Ladie dress'd:

While yee your beaucous faces, so disguise,

Wee neither see, your fore-head, nor your eyes,

(That woult the seates, and Indices to bee,

Of Spirit, Love, and ingennitie.)

Like Dutch boores houses, where the straw hangs over-late the Prin-

The low thatch'd eaves, & doth the windowes cover. *ted.*

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Warwick,

Hence it happens, *Coach*, that by your often
ambling to *London*, *Sir Thomas*, or *Sir John*, sinks
(as in a quick-sand) by degrees, so deep into
the Merchant, Mercer, or Taylors booke, that
hee is up to the eares, ere hee be aware, neither
can he be well drawne out without, a teame of
Vsurers, and a craftie Scrivener to bee the fore-
horse, or the prelent sale of some land, so that
wise-men suppose this to bee one maine and
principall reason, why within a *Coach* journey,
of a day or two from the Citie, so many faire
inheritances, as have beene purchased, by Lord-
Majors, Aldermen, Merchants, and other rich
Citizens, have not continued in a name to the
third, yea, scarce the second generation, when
go farre North or Westward, you shall find
many families, and names, both of the Nobili-
tie and gentry, to have continued their estates
two, three hundred yeeres and more, in a direct
succession (as in *Cumberland*, and *Northumbur-*
land, the families of the *Graies*, *Groynes*, *Low-*
thers, *Musgraves*, with many other in *Yorkshire*,

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of the *Dacres, Scoopes, Nevells, Huddlestones, Savills, &c.* The like may bee said of *Lancashire Cheshire, Devonshire, Sommerfetshire, Norfolk, Suffolk,* and many other places far remote from *London*) without racking or raising of rents; or inclosing of whole Townes, and Lord-ships: which every where (neighbour *Coach*) they say is long of you, and your costlie carriage.

As for you *Sedan*, I heare no great complaint of you, save that my Wife and Daughter thinks that you have made *Say* dearer then it was wont to bee, for whereas they used to buy it for sixteene pence a yard, you have brought it to two shillings; seven and eight groats, and and none of the best neither, and *Coach* I entreat you if (you beeing now banished the Citie) happen to come into our Countrie of *Lincolnshire*; let me know of it, that I may remove my selfe, tenne miles off from where you shall have to doe: *Sedan* because you are a stranger you shall be the welcomer of the two; for as yet you were never seene in our parts.

But to be short, my masters agree as you can, I must follow my law occasions, and to tell you true I can skill of neither of you, and so fare you well.

Sedan. *Coach* doe yee see, how neither in Countrie or Citie, any one can give you a good word, you have carried your selfe well in the meane time, have you not?

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Powell. Her would hang ir selfe before shee would have so great deale of ill words in the world.

Coach-man. Welch-man keepe you quiet, there is no great feare, or danger of you, but when our Coach-mares and horses, are put to grasse.

Powell. Sirrah you *Grimalkin*, who was a knave and a foole, when your Ladie being pig with schild, and could not endure the jolting of her Coach up that steepe stonie hill beyonnd *Ferribriggs* in *Tork-shire*, you made her sell two excellent stout mares, to buy a couple of ambling horses, beleaving as long as they ambled, shee could never bee jolted, where was her wit then.

Coach-man. Well well Wood-pecker, wee shall meete with you when time serves.

Powell. He meete her where and when her dare.

Heere I interposed my selfe and said before the companie: truly honest *Coach* (if I be not deceived in your name) I cannot see but you may passe well enough, concerning that plaine Country-man and his speech, you must know, that the common people of the Countrie affect not, very well, the Gentrie, nor the Gentrie them, there beeing a kind of *Antipathy* betweene them: First they envie Gentlemen, as living more plentifully and at ease then themselves.

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selues. *Invidius alterius rebus macrescit opimis:*
 againe they doe not greatly love them, because
 Gentlemen hold them in a kind of aw, and they
 are fearefull to displease them. *Oderunt quem
 metuant.* Thirdly if they bee tennants, their
 rents are often raised, if strangers, they are
 overlaid many times with leavies, and payments
 either to the King, or some publique charges
 and occasion in the Countrie; and sometimes
 extraordinarie curtisies by great men (their
 neighbours) are exacted of them, which grum-
 blinglie they yeeld unto, as borrowing their
 Carts, to fetch home (five or tenne miles off)
 Stone, Coales, Timber, and the like, some-
 times their Cattail to Plough their grounds,
 or helpe home with harvest, sometime they are
 troubled with bringing up a whelp or two, till
 they become ravenous hounds, and undoe a
 poore man in his dayrie, and if they bee faul-
 coners, they must afford them Pigeons, from
 their dove-coates, besides New-yeers-gifts,
 which are conditioned in leases, and with the
 yeerelie payments of rent, as Capons, Geese,
 Hens, Lambes, Conies, Neates-Tongues,
 Pigges, Swannes, all manner of Fish, and wild-
 foule, with a thousand such. I omit the ge-
 nerrall murmur, and complaint of the whole
 Countrie against them, for depopulation, inclo-
 sures, and encroaching upon publique com-
 mons; nor is it to bee forgotten, how in levies,
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cessments, and charges of Armes at publique Musters, they can befriend themselves, and in the last place (as hee said truely, their miserable house-keeping, wherein had they beene, free and liberall, they might have made some part of amendes for the rest, but commonly the poore of parishes are faine to bee releev'd, by the Farmer, Husband-man, and the middle ranke, or else they must starve, as many upon my knowledge did this last Snowie-winter.

I take not all, God-for-bid, there are numbers left, who with their fore-fathers landes, inherit their noble vertues, of *Loyaltie, Fortitude, Bountie, Charitie, Love*, to learning (learned themselves) and whatsoever is good or excellent. I condemne not, neither, the lawfull use of *Coaches*, in persons of ranke and qualitie, yea and in cases of necessitie: no more then I doe tilted Boates and Barges upon the water, they defend from all injurie of the skie, *Snow, Raine, Haile, Wind, &c.* by them is made a publique difference, betweene *Nobilitie*, and the *Multitude*, whereby their Armories without speaking for them, they are known and have that respect done to them, as is due to them: they are seats of Honour for the sound, beds of ease for the lame, sick and impotent, the moving closets of brave Ladies, and beautifull virgins, who in common sence, are unfit to walke the streets, to be jostled to the kennell, by a sturdie Porter,

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or breathed upon by every base *Bisogno*: they are the cradles of young children, to be conveyed with their Nurses, too, or from their parents into the Citie or Countrie. And if all Inventions have their iust, and due praise from the goodnesse of their *Endes*, whereto they were ordained; surely the *Coach* invented for the necessarie use and service of man cannot bee condemned, if regard bee had to those circumstances, of *Person, Time, and Place*.

Paule Tomorcee going to the young King, lying at Vicergrade, to complaine of the Frier, used Coaches first, being so called from a towne where they were made whence they had there name Kotze.

Their first invention and use was in the Kingdome of *Hungarie*, about the time when *Frier George*, compelled the *Queene* and her young sonne the *King*, to seeke to *Soliman* the Turkish Emperour, for aid against the Frier, and some of the Nobilitie, to the utter ruine of that most rich & flourishing Kingdome, where they were first called *Kotze*, and in the *Slavonian* tongue *Coriri*, not of *Coucher* the French to lie-downe, nor of *Curhey* the Cambridge Carrier, as some body made *Master Adinsham* beleeve, when hee (rather wee) perfected that his Etymologicall Dictionary, whence wee call them to this day *Coachs* or the first (they say) that was scene in *England* was presented to *Queene Elizabeth*, by the *Earle of Arundell*, but whether it were an open Chariot, or covered over the head as our *Calashes* now are, I doubt, for such a one *Queene Elizabeth* rode in, from *Summerst-house* to *S. Pauls Church* to heare a Sermon, presently upon the

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the victory obtained against the Spaniard *in Eightie-Eight*. Master *Nowell* Deane of Paules Preaching at that time, when I remember (being then a Schoole-boy in *London*, abut tenne yeeres of age) so many Spanish-Ensignes, in triumph were hung up, that the leades of the Church, and houses round about, seemed to be veild or curtain'd round-about with Gold, Silk, and Silver.

Sedan. It was a glorious sight indeede.

But (quoth I) upon a more glorious occasion.

Talking in this manner, unexpected, there comes by a Morrice-dance of Countrey-fellows; away goes *Powell*, and takes the Maide-Marian, and the foole along to a Taverne, the promiscuous by-standers left us to follow the Morrice-dancers, when there steps in to mee, an honest plaine Countrey-Vicar, of mine old acquaintance, and claps me on the shoulder, calling mee by my name, and saying, It is a wonder to meet you heere in *London*, which I think you have not seene in these dozen yeeres.

It is true (said I) and somewhat more, and I find my selfe to bee a great stranger heere, for whereas heretofore, I could walke in some one streete, and meete with a dozen of my acquaintance, I can now walk in a dozen streets and not meete one, yea both in people and building, I find, *Novam rerum faciem*.

Vicar. Yes, I dare say since you and I were

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first acquainted in *Cambridge* (the world is altered) it is a good while, I was laid hold on in an evening, by our Vice-master *D. R.* for whistling in the Court; and I told him (and told him truly) I could never whistle in all my life; you made answer, No sir, it was not hee; for could hee have whistled, his father would never have sent him to *Cambridge*; meaning, hee would have made a plough-boy of mee.

Let mee remember you likewise (said I) of another merrie accident when wee were boyes, and Sophisters in the schooles, when you, and two more of your oid acquaintance, went one frostie morning to eate Blacke-puddings to break-fast, and wanting a penny of the reckoning to pay for an odde pudding (having no more money amongst you all three) you venter'd on it, and spent out a single penny that was buried in the Puddings end; so that by wonderfull fortune, the pudding payd for it selfe; and after you declaim'd upon, *Audaces Fortuna iuvat.*

Vicar. Come, these merry passages are gone and past, I am heartily glad to see you alive and well. And in good faith (quoth I) I am glad to meete with any of my old acquaintance, they are so rare in these parts.

Heere is a Gentleman, my friend, said the Vicar, who much desireth your acquaintance, hee is an excellent Surveior, limmer in Oile, and water colours; besides, a skilfull Musician both

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both for song and Instrument, and you are met in a good time: So having saluted one another, I smilingly told them the occasion of mine Idle stay there at that time, which was a neighbourly office of reconciling *Coach* and *Sedan*, who in that place, fell fouly out with either, opposing each other to the utmost for place and precedence; neither would they yeeld a jot one to the other, without the mediation of friends.

Vicar. Is he in the black, with brazen studds on his sleeves, wings, backe, and brest, called *Coach*?

Surveyor. Yes, and I am sure, the other in the greene is *Sedan*; Let me entreate you (quoth I to them both) to talke with them, they will surely heare reason, if one of the Church (which I thinke neither of them cares for) shall goe about to perswade them.

Vicar. I will. Sir, I understand your name is *Coach*.

Coach. Men call me so about the Court.

Vicar. Out of my love, understanding the time of your execution is at hand, and that quickly you must expect to be turn'd off; I come to give you the best admonition I can.

First, you have beene these many yeeres a lewd liver, accompanying your selfe with Pandars and common Strumpets, both of Citie and Countrey.

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** A Lady
that rob'd
in her Coach
by the High-
way.*

*Many are
carried in
their Coaches
to execution.*

Secondly, you have beene suspected for many robberies (I am sure you have heard of Madam * Sands) for there is not an High-way, streete, back lane, or odde corner in the Citie, or within five miles, but you are well acquainted with the same.

Thirdly, you bring many a one to the gal-
lowes.

Fourthly, you never cared for the Church, since all sermon-time wee heare you hurrying up and downe the streetes, insomuch, that the Reader of Devine Service, or the Preacher, can hardly heare himselfe speake for you, or say you bring your Lord, Knight, and their Ladies to Church, you stay in the streete, while your man commonly goes to the Taverne, or Alehouse, till service bee done.

Fifthly, you live not in love and charitie one with another, but give one another (if you are crossed in the streete, or in a narrow lane) the worst words you can; and another great fault you are guilty of (in the judgement of that late reverent Iustice, Sir Edward Cooke) you will in no place give way to the Carre and Cart, your elder brethren.

Sixtly, if you have gotten your cup (like Iehu) yee drive as if you were mad, and become very dangerous in the night.

Surveyor. Mr. Vicar, these are but personall faults, you conceive not what dammage the
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State receiveth by Coaches, and how the whole Common-wealth suffereth in their increase and multitude; now if it please you, I will shew you wherein.

They first consume an infinite quantitie of our prime and best leathers, which also by reason of the decay of Woods, and consequently of barke for Tanners) Leather is growne extreemely deere, and hardly that which is principall good, to be gotten for any money.

Againe, wee can hardly have a young Ash grow till hee bee seven yeeres old, within forty miles of *London*, but hee is cut off before his time for the Coach-makers use, in spokes for wheelles, beames, bodies, and the like.

More-over a wonderfull quantitie, of our best broad-clothes is consumed and wasted, about the lining of *Coaches*, and their seates. I omit, other superfluities of Lace, Fringe, Guilding, &c. Last of all, and which is worst of all, and withall speed (if it shall so please his Majestie) to bee redressed, the breede of our best horses in England, are reserved, or rather bought up in Faires and Markets, onely for the use of the *Coach*, hence it comes to passe that at any generall Muster taken of Horse, you shall see so many arrant lades showne, Scarce one in tenne serviceable, some send thither their ordinarie saddle Geldings, and Nagges, some their Cart-horses, where you shall see their
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necks and sides miserably gall'd with collars & traces, and their riders Serving-men or plough-men, just answerable to their horses.

I speake I confesse the more freely, because I know what belongeth to horse-manship, and have beene my selfe an horse-man, and in service beyond the seas, in somuch as I dare say, no Nation in *Europe*, is more back-ward and carelesse in breeding and managing horses, then we in England, God bee blessed for our peace, *Quid postera ferat dies nescimus*: if it would please his Royall Majestie (which with my selfe all true Subjects ought from their hearts to wish) to command our *Coach*-horses, instead of hearing a *Coach* rattle at their heeles, to listen to the Trumpet, I beleeve the poore beastes themselves would be better pleased, and since they cannot speake, expresse their joy by bounding and neighing, as they ordinarily doe, when they are to goe upon service, and are by the Trumpet call'd to charge the enemy; or if their Noble owners are desirous, to get as good as they can for their *Coaches*, they should provide as many other, as good fit and able, alwayes to bee in a readinesse, for his Majesties service.

I speake not as if I did altogether, condemne, and disallow of *Coaches* in the generall, wee know that the Kings, Princes, and Nobles, of *Israell*, had their *Charriots*, equivalent (at the least

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least) to our richest *Caroches*, it is most fit, and requisite, that Princes, Nobilitie, the more eminent and abler among the Gentrie should be allowed their *Coaches*, and *Carriages*, and all others who hold any place of Dignitie, either in Church or Commonwealth, as our Bishops, the Reverend Iudges, Doctors of Divinitie, Law, Physicke, with the chiefe Magistrates of Eminent and Honorable Cities, with others of like and equall ranke, but what I pray you are the *Coaches* of these few I to chat multitude at this day in *England* when in *London*, the Subieurbes, and within foure miles compass yeth out, are reckoned to the number of six thousand and odd.

I easilie (quoth I) beleieve it, when in certaine places of the Citie, as I have often observed, I have never come but I have there, the way barricadoed up with a Coach, two, or three, that what hast, or businesse soever a man hath thence must waite my Ladie (I know not whose) lesse (who is in the next shop, buying pendantes for her eares, nor a collar for her dogge) ere he can find any passage.

The most eminent places for stoppage, are Pauls-gate into Cheapside, Lud-gate, and Ludgate-hill, especially when the play is done at the Priests, when Holborne-Gundit and Holborne-bridge, is villanously pestered with them, Hofer-lane, Smith-field, and Cow-lane send-

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ing all about their new or old mended *Coaches*, then about the Stocks and Poultrie, Temple-barre, Fetter-lane and Shooe-lane next to Fleet-street; but to see their multitude, either when there is a Masque at White-hall, a Lord-Majors feast, a new play at some of the play-houses you would admire to see them, how close they stand together, like (Mutton-pies in a Cookes-oven) that hardly you can thrust a pole betweene.

My Masters quoth I, wee have a great deale of talke, and discourse all this while about nothing, heere comes one that if you will be rul'd by mee, shall determine the quarrell without more adoe, because our occasions call us away, about weightier employments.

With that, comes up unto us a lustie tall fellow, sitting upon an axeltree betweene two monstrous great wheeles, drawne by a great old jade blind of ancie, in a leather pilch, two emptie beere-barrels upon a brewers slings beside him, and old blew-cap all bedaub'd, and stincking with yest, and the spurging of beere, him *Coach*, and *Sedan* knew, as soone as ever they saw him (for it seem'd they had beene old customers of his Masters, and true stakes to the beere-barrell) wee seeing them familiarly talking together, I crav'd his name: my name is *Beere-carre* quoth hee; in good time; you may (said I) by meanes of your inward acquaintance with these
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two, *Coach* and *Sedan* ; doe a good office and reconcile them , being fallen at difference , who should be the better man, and deserve the most respect; my selfe and these gentlemen, have laboured what we could herein , yet can wee doe no good.

When according to our relation, hee had heard the whole substance of the busines, hee shooke his head, saying, will this never be otherwise, I made you friends once before, when you were together by the eares at Charing-crosse, and you vow'd to either (and dranke upon it) you would never square, and fall-out againe, but Live, and Love as bretheren, but let that goe if you will once againe, wholly referre your selves to mee, and promise before to morrow at night to enter into bond, to stand to my censure and agreement, before these honest-Gentlemen (who are strangers to me) I will set you straight, and make all quiet; are you not mad-men, to wrangle and fall out in the streete, to draw boyes and wenches and every rascall about you, to wonder and laugh at you ? *Coach* this is your fault, you are cholerick and cannot forbear; and *Sedan*, you thinke your selfe so countenanced at the Court, that such a one as my selfe dare not speake or meddle with you, but I would have you know, I am of suncientes standing in England then both of you, I came into England in *Henry* the Seventh's time, what

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time I was brought into this land with Musick : my brother Ale, is farre auntienter then I, and was in England, as I have beene told by Schollers, in the time of the *Brittans* and *Romans*; but what doe we talke of our antiquitie, let us boast of our *Goodnesse* and *Strength*, which makes us to bee so well thought on, and beloved where ere wee come.

But let these things passe, are you content to stand to, and heere my verdict, and will promise to observe what I in reason shall propound, and so to make a finall end of all controversies betwixt you.

Coach and Sedan. With all our hearts.

Servier. We are heere, three or foure, wit-
witnesses, and shall carrie the newes unto your
best friends, who surely will bee glad of your re-
conciliation.

Pier. Now Master Beere-carr, since you
have taken upon you to be a moderator betwixt
them, let us heare the conditions you meane
to propound for their agreement, because wee
are not like altogether to meet againe.

Nay (quoth I) honest Beere-carr, will have
a care of his credit, and doe nothing but what
shall bee just, and right, I dare say.

Beere-carr. Nay, if I doe other-wise let mee
never walke upon *London stones*, or see *Saint
Katharines* againe, therefore understand me well,
and heere what I shall say.

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First, *Coach and Sedan*, you both shall reverence and ever give way to Beere (or Brewers) Cart, wheresoever you shall meete him, either in Citie or Countrie, as your auncient and elder brother.

Secondly. You both againe shall be constant customers to Cellars, Innes and Ale-houses, as being the upholders, and principall maintainers of *Brewers-Cart*.

Coach, you shall now and then give your man leave to take a nap at noone, especially, when your Lord or Lady, is to see a masque at the Court, my reason is, when he is fast a sleep upon his box, his Curtaines are commonly cut off, and his Cushions stollen.

Thirdly. See your man give his horses their due allowance, in Hay and Oates, and that he beguiles them not, to maintaine his wench, or follow the Taverne, beside charge him to keepe their manger cleane, without dust or feathers.

Fourthly. More-over give him especial commandement, that while he is drinking Wine, his horses want not water.

Sixtly. Againe *Coach*, if your Lord or Master, bee disposed in an evening, or any other time, to goe to an house of good-fellowship (the rude and unmannerly multitude call such *Baudie-houses*) and your Lady or Mistris, when you come home, aske where you have beene; you shall say, your Lord or Master hath beene turn-

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ing and looking over some Bookes in a French liberarie.

6. You shall leave altogether your old woont, that is, when your Knight or Ladie or both, are gone to the Church, suffer your man to goe to the Ale-house and there to stay, till prayer or Sermon bee done, but see him a Gods name goe to Church, to learne to serve God better, and to mend his manners.

7. Your man also shall leave that old knavish trick, of tying a horse haire very straight, about the pastornes of your horse seete (which presently will make him halt) then to tell your Master hee is lame, and will not serve his turne, procuring after some horse-courser to buy him at an under price; then sell him againe, and after you two share the money betwixt you.

8. Speake well of *Water-men*, and offer them no wrong, besides know they are a Corporation, and boats were before *Coaches*; I will undertake for them not to hurt you, they are my friends, and acquaintance, and I deale much in their Element.

9. If your Lord or Knight, be invited to my Lord Majors, the Sheriffes, or any other great or eminent mans house to dinner (because wee know not in these times who wee may trust) let your man be sure to search and examine the celler well, for feare of Treason.

10. If *Coach*, you happen to goe to a
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Christening, or any publique banquet, see that you turne your man loose like an Hogge, under an Apple-tree, among the comfitts and sweete-meates, and let him shift.

11. Leave in any case that ill custome yee have of running over people in a darke night, and then bid them stand up.

12. In Terme times, you shall drive in the streetes faire and softly: for throwing dirt upon Gentlemens clokes, and Lawyers gownes going too, and comming from Westminster.

13. You shall have an especiall care, of little children playing in Summer time in the streets, greens, high-waies, and such places, you shall endeavour to keepe your selves sober, from over much drinking, for by *Coach*-men overtaken with drinke, many have lost their limmes, yea some their lives.

14. You shall carrie none without leave, of your Lord, Lady, or Master.

15. You shall not *Coach* (as you are accustomed) take up into you every groome, and lacquay, to lie tumbling with his dirtie feete upon your Lords Velvet, or cloth Seats, and Cushions, but let their leggs carry them in the open streete, with a mischief.

16. You have a trick, and custome (which I wish were amended and reformed) that if your Knight or Lady be out of the way frō home, out of the Citie, for some spending money to carrie
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tradesmenswives, waiting-maides and young-wenchcs: somtime to *Brainford*, to *Barnet*, *Totenham*, *Rumford* and such places, to meete, and to be merry with their sweet-hearts, while all the way they goe, they sit smiling and laughing, to see how the poore inferior sort foote it in dirt and mire, and hereby they grow so proud, that ever after they account themselues companions for the best Ladies.

17. Coach, if you are to goe a journey, twenty, thirty, or more miles into the Countrey, see that you are provided of all necessities, that your Lady and her women may stand in need of by the way, you know what I meane, and never be unprovided of a bottle or two, of the best *Strong-waters*.

18. You shall be no hindrance to poore people, who shall demand and aske the charitable almes of your Lord or Ladie, much lesse revile them, or lash them over the faces with your whip.

19. And honest Coach, at my request, be very careful in going over Muddy places, quicksands, unknowne waters, and narrow bridges.

20. If a man of manlike behaviour and fashion, casually fall lame by the way, or by some accident be wounded, whereby he is unable to travell, you shall out of Christian Charitie, imitating the good Samaritan, take him up, helpe him wherein you can, & carry him to his home.

21. You

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21. You shall offer your brother *Sedan* no manner of wrong, but intreat him with all love and friendship, giving him the wall, you keeping your naturall and proper walke, the middle of the streete.

22. Lastly you shall be affable and curteous to all, endeavouring to get the good will, and good word of every one, especially your fellows in the hofe, that having the love of your Master and Lady, they may settle you in a Farme of theirs in your old age, and marrying the Chamber-maid, ever after give them leave to lish that will.

So much brother *Coach* for you; now honest *Sedan*, something I have to say to you, though not much.

First as you tender the love and friendship of your Brother *Berre-Care*, observe these rules and admonitions.

You shall from this time forward, live with *Coach* in perfect Love and Amitie, to defend and helpe him in all casualties, and ever-more to speake well of him behind his backe.

You shall never carrie any infected person.

You shall never take into your charge, any one that is beastly drunke, at any Taverne or Ale-house, but rather give a Porter leave to carrie him to his lodging, in his Basket.

You shall not meddle with any Exchange-Wenches, Semsters, or hand-some Laundresses,

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to carrie them to any Gentle-mans private Chamber or Lodging, there to shew their wares and commodities.

You shall never endanger your selves with carrying matters of great charge, as Money, Plate, Jewells, Boxes of evidences, writings and the like.

You shall never carrie *Coach-man* againe, for the first you ever carried was a *Coach-man*, for which you had like to have sufferd, had not your Master beene the more mercifull.

You shall see your bottomes be sound, that grosse and unweldie men slip not thorow.

You shall carrie no manner of Beast for any mans pleasure, Bears-Whelp, Surbated-Hound, Baboone, Musk-cat, or the like.

You shall have an especiall care to keepe your Chaires, cleane and sweet, both within and without; suffer no Tobacco, which many love not, to be taken in them, and with the Painter, to adde to his Verd'greace and Linseed-oyle, in his painting, a small quantitie of the Oyle of spike, for the better smell.

And since the weakest goes to the wall, take you the wall I charge you, of all Porters, Bakers, Costard-mongers, Carmen, *Coaches*, and in a word, of all in generall, saving *Beere-Cart*, who after you are wearrie, and tired, will bee at hand to doe you any manner of service, especially to revive your decayed spirits.

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And last of all with which I will conclude; because at the Court you are friendly used, and often times admitted within the gates, (which your brother *Coach* never is) you shall take nothing at any time, for carriage of the Kings great Porter.

Surveyor. But Master *Coach*, what say you to a late Proclamation, that is come out against you, and your multitude?

Coach. It concernes not us who follow the Court, and belong to Noble-men, it is chiefly for the suppressing my neighbours of *Hackney*, who are a Plague to Citie and Countrey; it had beene the better for us, if it had come out seven yeeres agoe, for being, wee shall (I hope) be better rewarded, and better respected.

I have read I remember in *Herodotus*, of *Sesostris*, a Tyrant, King of *Egypt*, who causing foure Kings whom hee had taken prisoners to be yoked together by the necks, & to draw his charriot; one of these Kings, ever and anon cast backe his eye, and looked over his shoulder to the Charriot-wheele, which the Tyrant observing, demanding of him the reason why hee did so; the captive King made answer, *Quia in rota, video statum humanum*: Because in this wheele, I see the state of man: The spoke of the wheele, that was even now aloft, is now at the bottome, and below (as wee our selves are) and that below, anon gets up to the top, *Sesostris* knowing

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this to be true, and fearing his one estate (being as others subject to change and mutability) forthwith released them of their bandes & set them at libertie.

So *Coach*, you men that were aloft, and above others, they must like (the spokes of their wheelles) come below; and why not? but by some other profession and calling, mount as high againe:

Lucan.

—*Sic fors incerta vagatur,
Fertq; refertq; viscos, et habent mortalia casum.*

Surveyor. Well Gentle-men *Coach*, and *Sedan*, are you both pleased with those honest propositions (tending to a perpetuall reconciliation, of one to the other) made by *Beere-cart*, so that here after you will beare no grudge, one to another, but speake kindly at your meeting, salute one another, as you passe, and in a word doe all good offices you can one for another, that yee may no more make your selves laughing stocks to the world.

Coach, and *Sedan*. Wee will with all our hearts, and Gentle-men we thanke you hartily, for the paines you have taken, and especially, you Master *Picar*.

Well Gentlemen (quoth I) we have now done a good office, and *Beere-Cart*, they are much beholding unto you.

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Surveyor. So are wee ; for you have made us wiser then wee were, in understanding the abuses, and misdemeanors either of them are subject unto, for which wee , and the world shall heartily thanke you.

Beere-Ca. I could indeede say much more, but I am in good hope of their agreement, and they will not faile but visit our house three or foure times in the weeke , to see how their brother *Beere-cart* does ; and with what liquor hee is laden.

So now (quoth I) wee have made (honest friends, and good-fellowes , *Coach* and *Sedan*) an end of your businesse; Mr. *Surveyor*, and honest Master *Vicar*, we will go dispatch our own : which way lies your way ?

Survey. To *Westminster*-ward, wee both goe.

And I into the *Strand* ; and for this merry meeting, and old acquaintance sake honest *Vicar*, and Master *Surveyor*, I have for you a quart of the best *Canary* in *Westminster*, which I think is at Mr. *Thomas Darlings* (a very honest man) at the Three-tunnes by *Charing-crosse*.

Wee will beare you company (quoth they) and so wee three, (leaving the other) departed.

But in going along , to beguile the way, wee fell I know not how, into discourse, what alteration in Common-Wealthes, Cities, Countreys, Buildings, manners of Men, and Fashions in apparrell, the Revolution of Time, contrary

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trary to the opinion of man, brought forth; the *Vicar* earnestly maintaining the latter times to be the wisest; as I stiffely maintained the contrary against him.

His first Argument was; that wee in our age have more learning then ever, *Ergo*, more wisdom.

I denied his antecedent, replying, *Quod efficit, tale, majus est tali*: meaning the Auncients who were our Masters, aludging *Chaucer*:

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*Whence commeth this new Corne, men have from yeare in
Out of old fields, old men saith,
And whence commeth this new learning that men teere,
Out of old fields, in good faith.*

Secondly, The Inventions of latter times farre excelled those of former; I denied that also.

He instanced Guns, *PRINTING*, Watches, Wind-mills, &c. Against these, as rare, I opposed *Archimedes* his Burning-glasses, wherwith he fired *Marcellus* ships from *Syracusa*; the perpetually burning Lampe, made of the Spirit of Gold; malleable Glaske; Dying of that highly esteemed Purple; that rare manner of gilding called * *Pyropus*, mentioned in *Plinie*, where- with those round balles on the top of the Ro- mane houses, shone like fire; with many other, which are lost and forgotten.

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Surveior. And I am perswaded wee have had many rare Inventions, even heere in *England*; which are forgotten, or quite out of use.

Yes quoth the *Vicar*, foure especially, Daggers, Flat-caps, French-hoods, and Cod-peeces; But heere wee brake of our discourse, beeing at the Taverne dore, the period of our Iourney.

FINIS.
